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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David L. GOODALE, et al.

Serial No: 09/780,804

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: LATCH SYSTEM AND  
MODIFIED BLADE DESIGN  
FOR THICK STOPPER-CLOSED  
CONTAINER SAMPLING  
PIERCING STATION

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